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Mr. Wheaton Byers
Executive Secretary
President's Foreign Intelligence
Advisory Board
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Wheaton:

Reference is your request of 22 December for the latest draft version of the paper, "Economic Intelligence for National Security," to replace the earlier draft in your possession.

The enclosed draft reflects a considerable revision of the earlier paper on the part of [REDACTED] 25X1

This paper has not gone to Mr. Colby and is still in the process of coordination, so it is for background information only at this stage and should be handled as a working draft.

Sincerely,

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Major General, USAF (Ret.)
Chief, Coordination Staff, ICS

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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY--

Production, Collection, Consumers, and Problems

A Contractor Study

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Purpose

It was the author's intention in undertaking this study to identify the major impediments standing in the way of developing an intelligence community more responsive to the economic intelligence needs of senior policy officials. Accordingly, an extensive examination was made of the economic intelligence collection and production activities carried on by the US Government, focusing primarily on national security aspects. The resulting analysis showed that the most significant problems lie in the realm of collection, not in the area of production.

Key Judgments

-- The economic intelligence house is productive and responsive, although not in order with respect to collection. Complex, serious collection problems require solutions if senior US officials concerned with domestic and international policy are to be properly served.

-- The potential for acquiring additional pertinent and timely economic intelligence [redacted] collection effort is great. But the realization of this potential necessitates the resolution of a number of thorny problems, both legal and institutional.

-- The managerial and coordinating apparatus of the intelligence community is in place, having been revamped in recent years to respond to growing demands for economic intelligence. There are, however, several problems that affect the management of collection activities carried out by human means.

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